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PERCY G. POWERS
BOX 752

July 20, 1971

Dorothy J. Clark

Mrs. Robert I. Clark,

2032 North 8th St.,

Terre Haute, Indiana 47804

Thank you for your letter. I will have time week of Aug. 2nd.

Mrs. Dorothy J. Clark
Professional Genealogist
2032 North 8th Street
Terre Haute, Ind. 47804

Dear Mrs. Clark:

I received your name from the Clerk of the Vigo Circuit Court for searching the marriage records. I do not know how you charge--by the item or by the hour. Either way, I want it done. Just let me know how much money to remit for your work and for my copies. YOUR CHECK WILL INDICATE HOW MUCH TIME I CAN BE IN RESEARCH.

$3.00 hr. ... $10.00 minimum fee before beginning any new clients work.

I want the records checked for Sherman and Collings, beginning about 1850 through 1900, especially on the parties below:

Sherman, Rebecca	m.	Augustine	about 1870-71
Sherman, Sarah Eliz.	m. 1st	Watson	about 1876
Sherman, Sarah Eliz.	m. 2nd	Foster	about
Sherman, Wm. Harrison	m.		about 1875
Sherman, Hester Maria	m.	Jim Montz	about 1882
Sherman, Chas. Alson	m.		about 1885
Collings, Isaac	m.	Mary Jane Hancock	about 1854
Collings, Lewis P.	m.	Belle	about 1874
Collings, William	m.	Catherine Ann (Sherman) France	about 1874

On this last man, you will have to check the whole way through. I was flabbergasted to discover that he had been married at least five times and maybe six times. I have the children of the different wives fairly well

sorted out--but I do not have the names of the wives. I have been calling them Wife #1, Wife #2, etc. The first wife or two was married in Jackson County, Indiana. The rest of them were either in Vigo County, Indiana, or Clark County, Illinois. I only knew of two marriages until I run an inquiry in the paper. These grandchildren and great grandchildren could tell me the names of their full brothers and sisters (by the different wives) but they flat out did not know the mother's name. I have picked up the name Mary A M. as one of these wives from a gravestone. I was sure of his first wife (Nancy Ann Perry) and the last wife (Catherine Sherman France) because I was related to both of them. Catherine was the oldest sister of Henry Peake Sherman. After her first husband died, she married William Collings. He was the father of Henry Peake Sherman's wife , Phebe Ann Collings (my grandmother). My father would laugh and say, "First, Catherine was his Aunt--then she was his grandmother". And Phebe Ann was the daughter of Nancy Ann Perry and William Collings--and she was my grandmother.
I expect that any Shermans or Collings you find will belong to my family.
Enclosed is a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Percy G. Powers

(Lois A. Sherman)

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July 29, 1971

Ans. Sept 1
with all Sherman Collings + Collins
marriages at Ct Hse.

Mrs. Dorothy J. Clark,

2032 North 8th St.,

Terre Haute, Indiana 47804

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Enclosed is my check for $25.00. I have no idea whether this will be enough. I just want the marriage records checked for the entries on Sherman and Collings. I will probably want the records checked for births on the Collings line. There is to be a book published on the COLLINGS FAMILY (especially those tracing back to the Pigeon Roost Massacre). I trace back twice. I am doing the research on the William Collings line. The leaders are Mrs. Glenn Hackman and Mr. Kenneth R. Scott of Indianapolis, Ind. They belong to the Jesse Collings line. No one is working the Isaac Collings line and so we are all collecting information on his family. That is why I am having you look for the marriage record of Isaac Collings and ~~Max~~ Mary Jane Hancock. We have no idea where they were married. I do know they had eight children and I have located the names (no other information) of five - Albert W., Louisa, Isabelle, Emma, Isaac Wesley. I do know that Albert was supposed to be the oldest and that he was born Nov. 8, 1855. He married in Tipton County, Indiana, and I have the record on it. I am guessing that most of the Collings children were born in the territory around Terre Haute, however some of the births may be on the Clark County, Illinois, side of the line.

Jumping back again to Isaac's children, Louisa married William Ralston, Isabelle married Ezra Johnson, Emma married John Sallee. I am guessing that they married

were married in Kansas.

I hope that I have made my self clear. This is the first time I have engaged a Professional Genealogist to help me and I am not at all sure what is expected of me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Percy G. Powers

(Lois A. Sherman)

I certainly hope you can locate most of the Collings marriages. I will be able to verify the names of ~~the~~ a number of William's children. Lewis is probably his oldest son. At least so far in my research, he is the only living son of the first marriage.

L.A.P.

I understand that the Collings, listed in the West Terre Haute phone directory, are all descendents of the lines I am working. Some of them will answer my questions and some of them ignore my letters.

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May 31, 1972

Mrs. Dorothy Clark,

203 North 8th St.,

Terre Haute, Ind. 47804

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Here I am again, wanting more research done. This time I want you to check the DEATHS of Collings and Collins in the County. When you list the deaths, give all the information shown.

I have x checked a number of surrounding counties where I thought certain people died without luck. On my last letter, this lady said that she thought the deaths were probably listed in Vigo County on account of the graveyards used.

In your search, if the record shows a husband or wife's name, as well as the parents' names, list it all. I certainly hope that I can complete the information on a lot of people through this list of DEATHS IN VIGO COUNTY.

I think I have finally gotten a complete list of the children of William Collings. I ran down an old Family Bible (whose existance was unknown to the present Collings members). William was married several times and I do not know who the mothers were of these children. I figure the Death list would give the mother's name and it might even show the deaths of the various wives.

I am dealing with William's grand, great-grand, and great-great-grand children, and none of them seem to know (that far back) the names of the various wives.

Just list all the Collings that you find and I will try to fit them in. I finally found that William Collings died in Florida, the date and the place. My check for $25.00 is enclosed. You really gave me a boost on the marriages of Shermans.

Sincerely,

Mrs Percy Powers

June 24, 1972

Mrs.Lois A. Powers
Box 752
Perryton, Texas 79070

Dear Mrs.Powers:

Thank you for your letter and the retainer fee of $25.00 for researching the Collings-Collins deaths in Vigo County,Ind. I have found the following:

COLLINGS, Ethel (dau of Edward and Myrtle Smith) d.Nov.23,1910 H-15 9
....., Roy (Rice and Minnie Akers) d. Feb.6,1913 H-11 190

COLLINS, Arthur (James D. and Sophia Stark) May 24,1912 H-11 163
....., Barbara (John F. and Ida Winters) Sept.2,1914 CH-27 168
....., Beatrice (Witham and Mamie Wood) June 20, 1911 CH-26 123
....., Bernie (Wm. and M. Wilson) Aug.8,1915 H-15 55
....., Burt J. (Burt and Emma Lindsey) Nov.12,1920 H-15 107
....., Caroline (Frank and Ida Winters) Nov.25,1918 CH-28 280
....., Daisy (John and Lillie Jaquis) Oct.1,1885 H-1 103
....., Dorothy (W.H. and Nora Elswell) July 30, 1909 CH-24 72
....., Elizabeth (Ernest G. and Frae H.Hixon) Sept.18,1913 CH-27 89
....., Elizabeth (Ennis M. and Buttler Hellen) July 4, 1915 CH-27 245
....., Earnest (Walker and Nellie Bateman) Aug.3,1887 CH-17 104
....., Ernest (rest ditto) H-2 16
....., George (Dee and Lona McGuire) May 4, 1908 CH-23 57
....., George)Clarence and Gaynell Kerns) June 30,1915 H-15 54
....., George (Ennis and Helen Bueltler) Dec.26,1913 CH-27 113
....., Gladys (Wm. and Eathedern Bonell) July 15,1908 H-14 7
....., Glenn (Walter H. and Nora Elwell) June 18,1905 CH-22 29
....., Grace (Chester and Mabel Roberts) Jan.1,1916 CH-28 15
....., Harrold (James D. and Sophie Stark) June 13,1908 H-14 6
....., Harry (Wm. and Mary Flower) Jan.4,1909 H-11 38
....., Harry (Wm. M. and J.Krischner) Oct.27,1907 CH-23 6
....., Harret (Geo and Pearl Shepherd) Nov.11,1919 H-15 97
....., Hazel (James D. and Sophia Stark) Mar.24,1910 H-11 73
....., Helen (Wm. and Mary Woods) Marl,1906 CH-22 17
....., Helen (Sith and Ester Barr) July 18,1908 CH-23 69
....., Herman (Herman A. and Julia Tracey) May 27,1913 CH-27 67
....., Ines A. (Olie and Ada Rutledge) June 30,1910 CH-26 39
....., Jackson (Ernest and Fear Hixon) Oct.9,1920 CH-29 185
....., James (Wm. and Lula Ballard) May 6,1918 H-12 140
....., James F. (Clarence and Gaynell Kearns) Oct.24,1919 H-12 216
....., John H. (Wm. W. and Mayme Woods) July 4,1914 CH-27 155
....., Josie (Edward and Myrtle Smith) Aug.21,1909 H-14 17

COLLINS, Kenneth (Wm. F. and Ruth Chasher) June 15,1920 H-13 27
....., Louis (Herman A. and Julia Tracy) Aprl 23, 1915 CH-27 221
....., Marie (Walter and May Elder) Nov.29,1912 CH-27 23
....., Marcella (Wm. M. and J.Kerschner) July 21,1917 CH-28 157
...., Marion (Cliff and Lily Harper) Feb.23,1912 H-11 150
....., Melvin (David and Mary E. Smith) Oct.24,1910 H-11 91
....., Opie)Clifford and Lillie Harper) Aug.16,1909 H-11 55
....., Pauline (Dave and Mary E.Smith) Feb.19,1909 H-14 14
....., Robert (Lloyd W. and Mariett Clark) Aprl 18, 1920 CH-29 135
....., Rosie (Wm. and Minie Wilson) Aug.29,1908 H-14 8
....., Rosemary (Clifford and Lillian Harper) Mar.5,1918 H-12 130
....., Ruby (Walter and Mary Elder) Dec.16,1918 H-15 89
....., Ruth (Wm. and Mary E.Woods) Sept.5,1908 CH-24 3
....., Ruth R. (James and Sophia Stark) Jan.31,1915 H-11 265
....., Vallria (A. and - Davey) Mar.3,1905 H-9 37
....., Virginia (Ode and Mil. Granthan) Aprl 15, 1918 CH-28 227
....., Warren (Fred W. and Elizabeth Schroeder) Aprl 14, 1901 CH-21 21+H-6 96
....., William (Wm. M. and Martha Case) July 1, 1882 H-1 34
....., William (Benjamin and Emma Bacon) July 8,1902 H-8 21
....., - (Emit and -) Nov.11,1882 H-1 96
....., - (Jacob and Maggie Collins) Aug.8,1883 H-1 176
....., Carrie (Robt.T. and Mary A. Cobble) Feb.1,1884 H-1 316
....., - (Robt. and Mary A. Cobble) Feb.27,1884 H-1 260
....., James R. (Isaac M. and Elizabeth Goodman) Nov.2,1884 H-1 29
....., - (M. and - Wilson) Nov.27,1884 H-1 29
....., Harry M. (Wm. F. and Anna Scott) Jan.30,1886 H-1 128
....., - (Otto and Katie McAdams) May 13, 1886 CH-17 47
....., - no info H-1 5
....., - (McLeagia and S.Myers) Mar.8,1888 CH-17 133
....., - (M.Cagir"Tagia" and S.Meyers) Mar.8,1888 H-2 2
....., _ (M.L. and Elizabeth Beener) Mar.9,1888 H-2 2
....., - (Wm.M. and Martha Collins) Jan.6,1889 H-2 35
....., - (Wm. E. and -Dickerson) June 2,1889 H-2 14
....., - (Micajah and S.Wilson) July 27,1889 H-2 17
....., - (Mortin E. and Elizabeth Beener) Fb.18,1891 H-3 29
....., - (Martin L. and -) Feb.18,1891 H-3 35
....., - (Wm. E. and Nelly Dickerson) Jan.19,1893 H-4 2
....., - (Walter V. and Vetti A. Batman) Sept.11,1893 CH-18 15
....., - (Walter and Nettie Batman) Sept.11,1893 H-4 27
....., - (A.J. and Sarah Rodgers) Aug.2,1894 CH-18 13
....., - (Wm. and Margaret Elliott) Aug.18,1895 CH-18 79
....., Walter B. (Walter and Nettie Bechman) Oct.3,1895 CH-18 89
....., - (B.M. and Hattie Shepherd) Jan.20,1898 CH-19 57
....., _ (Fred and Elizabeth Schroeder) Mar.30,1898 CH-19 62
....., - (Burnet and Mary Newton) June 23, 1899 CH-19 98
....., - (Manford and Mabel Toner) May 21, 1900 CH-20 18
....., - (Dee and Leona McGuire) Aprl 23, 1902 H-8 1
....., - (Fred and E.Schroederer) Jan.27,1904 H-8 83
....., - Dee and L.McGuire) May 9,1904 H-8 95
....., - (Thos. and Eva Garner) Sept.25,1904 H-9 12
....., - (Walter H. and Nora Elwell) June 18,1905 H-9 46
....., - (Wm. and - Woods) Mar.1,1906 H-9 89
....., - (Frank and Ida Winters) Aprl 22, 1906 H-9 90
....., - (D. and L. McGuire) Oct.14,1906 H-10 8
....., - (Chester and M.Roberts) May 13,1907 CH-22 23
....., - (Dearmon and Loney McGuire Feb.20,1912 CH-26 176

The above death records can be found in the Board of Health office here.

The following references were found in CEMETERY RECORDS OF VIGO COUNTY,IND.:

Colings, Samuel D. d. Feb.2,1854, aged 28 y Woodlawn Cemetery

Collins, D.
m. Mary d. Jan.22,1849, a.30y.11m.22d. Mewhinney Cemetery
m. Mary A. d. May 5,1852 a.33y.2m.25d. ditto

Collins, Gustavus d. Feb.3,1853, a.55y.5m.11d. Woodlawn Cemetery

Collins, John d. Nov.15,1853 a.32y.11d. Mewhinney Cemetery

Collins, Peter d. July 28,1880 a.80y.11m.19d. Mewhinney Cemetery
m. Sarah Miller d. Apr.29,1879 a.72y.10m.19d. ditto

Collins, Robert d.Aug.21,1879 a.67y.4m.23d. Shepherd Cemetery
m. Eliza A. Hay d.Mar.30,1888 a.72y.2d. ditto

Collins, William d. Nov.15,1851 a.50y. Lykin Cemetery

Collings, Archibald d. Mar.31,1861 a.69y.11d. Second Prairie Creek Cemetery

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I hope this fills in some of the info you are seeking. If I can be of further help, please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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